

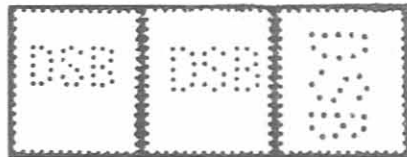
ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Perfins of Great Britain," the catalog/album published by Dr. Harvey Tilles and edited by Basil Tomkins and Robert McKee, won a large silver medal in the recent APS-Writers Unit No. 30 National Philatelic Literature Competition. The competition was held in conjunction with the APS annual convention and "Champion of Champions" exhibition, held at Indianapolis, September 21-24.

Melvin Stark, curator of the PhilaMatic Center at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home in Boys Town, Nebraska, has sent along part of a cover on which the stamps (and cover) have been perforated "V'CH'R'D/+7.+6.78." Presumably, this perforation means that the letter has been "vouchered" for receipt and/or entry by the addressee. The name of the addressee does not appear on the piece. Can any member explain further?

Leif Bergman (#1109) of Lidingo, Sweden, has provided some additional information

concerning the DSB (Danish State Railroad) Perfins covered in Mike Burrows' "Used Abroad" article in the July-August Bulletin. He says there are three different DSB Perfins, as illustrated below:



Leif points out that the Danish state's first railway was taken over in 1867 from a private railroad which had opened the first line in 1862. DSB issued their first railway freight stamps in 1875, and Perfins can be found on both DSB and private railway freight stamps.
